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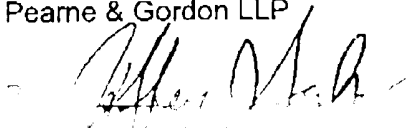
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ASSOCIATE POWER OF ATTORNEY

The undersigned, duly appointed principal attorney in the matter of the above-identified application hereby appoints Paul A. Serbinowski, Reg. No. 34429 associate attorney with full power in the premises, to prosecute this application, to make alterations and amendments therein, and to transact business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

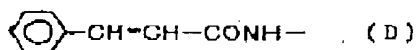
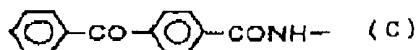
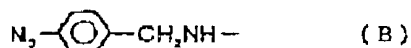
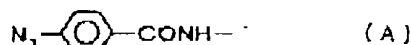
It is requested that all further correspondence in the matter of the application continue to be addressed directly to said principal attorney.

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24. A functional chitosan derivative characterized by being formed by incorporating to an at least partially deacetylated chitin/chitosan at least one photo-reactive functional group selected from the following (A)-(D) and equivalents thereof:



and being incorporated to an amino group at the 2-position of a glucosamine unit constituting said chitin/chitosan.

25. A health-care material comprising a functional chitosan derivative as recited in claim 24.

27. The functional chitosan derivative of claim 24 characterized by being formed by incorporating to said at least partially deacetylated chitin/chitosan at least one additional functional group selected from:

- a carbohydrate having a reducing terminal selected from lactose, maltose, melibiose, cellobiose, laminaribiose and mannobiose and equivalents thereof and being incorporated to an amino group at the 2-position of a glucosamine unit constituting said chitin/chitosan;
- an amphipathic group being incorporated to an amino group at the 2-position of a glucosamine unit constituting said chitin/chitosan or a hydroxyl group at the 3-position or 6-position of a glucosamine unit or an acetylglucosamine unit constituting said chitin/chitosan; and